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 - Which of the two is your default, meaning which one are you stronger at? Why do you think that is true for you?
 - When it comes to loving others, which of the two loving others are you better at - loving other Christians or loving non-Christians? Again, why do you think that is true for you?
2. What are the most common barriers in your life to love people who are not Christians?
3. Of the different ways to love others shared during the sermon:
 - Which one matters most to you, meaning which one are you most passionate about?
 - Which one is the greatest challenge for you? what can you be doing to improve in that area?
4. Share the name of at least one person that you know who is not a Christian that you want to know Jesus.
 - Talk a bit about that person, why they mean something to you, and based on what you heard in the sermon, you want to do in order to play your part in their lives.
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